

NuStar Pipeline Release North Andover Site, Andover, Kansas

The Bureau of Environmental Remediation (BER) facilitated a meeting with residents of the Quail Crossing Homeowners Association in Andover, Kansas, on August 29, 2013, to discuss a petroleum pipeline release near their homes. Contamination at the site was first identified in June 2012 when a property owner noticed petroleum hydrocarbons in his irrigation well, which is located near a NuStar Pipeline Operating Partnership, L.P. (NuStar) pipeline running through the area. Excavation activities conducted in fall 2012 identified a seep. There was significant soil impact in a 50-foot section, and impacted soil was excavated when the pipeline was repaired. Sample results show that soil and groundwater were also impacted.



Pamela Green, BER, describes the Community Relation Plan process.

Over 35 residents attended the meeting, where BER provided preliminary investigation results, discussed the next steps for investigation and cleanup, and listened to community concerns. BER will continue by developing a Community Involvement Plan, which will enable BER to better understand the community's concerns, determine the best ways in which to disseminate information about the investigation and cleanup, and engage concerned residents in the decision-making processes.